

Apologies for absence received from Messrs. Slattery, Harvey, Currey.

2. WELCOME

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Mr. Alan Dash, nominee of the Victorian Credit Cooperative Association to succeed Mr. Bainbridge.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held 25th June, 1979 having been circulated were adopted as a correct record of that meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.i Cooperative Housing Societies Councillor - Minute 3.i

The Executive Officer reported that Mr. Norman Harvey, Executive Officer of the Cooperative Housing Societies Federation, has been nominated to succeed Mr. J.E.W. Mason as that industry member to Council.

4.ii Bradford Cooperative Hotel - Minute 3.vii

The Executive Officer and one director from Morwell Cooperative will meet with Management of the Bradford Hotel on August 9th to assist in budget preparation.

4.iii Mr. I.A. Wood - Minute 4.1

Meeting arranged for 20th July was deferred at request of Mr. Wood.

4.iv Ministerial Consumer Advisory Committee - Minute 4.ii

The possible Morwell nominee to this Committee declined to accept nomination.

Further information from the Cooperative Federation of Australia on the structure and operations of the Committee were tabled. Council agreed to reconsider the matter and referred it to Mr. Macintosh for recommendation at the next meeting.

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4. MATTERS ARISING (cont.)

4.v Letter to Registrar - Minute 12.i (2)

The letter addressed to the Registrar on the matter of consultation with the Federation on proposed amendments to the Cooperation Act was replied to by the Minister confirming his direction to the Registrar for such consultation.

4.vi ACMAL membership dues

Mr. Long reported on discussions held and the unlikelihood of changed attitudes.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.i From Cooperative Federation of Australia
Requests information on problems and difficulties facing Victorian Consumer Cooperatives.

Mr. Macintosh will advise.

5.ii From V.C.C.A. July News highlighting inter Cooperative financial arrangements in Canada.
- referred to Financial Administrators Committee.

6. MEMBERSHIP

An application for membership from Australian Footwear Retailers Cooperative Limited was received supported by a copy of the registered Rules and a fee of \$50.00. As this is a new Cooperative with as yet no trading record the application was approved and the initial fee of \$50.00 accepted to cover membership to 30th June 1980 subject to review.

7. FINANCIAL

The audited accounts for the year ending 30th June 1979 were presented to the meeting, discussed and received. Authority of Council was given to the President and Vice President to sign them as true and fair records.

8. MEETING WITH MINISTER

The Chairman reported on the meeting with the Minister administering the Cooperation Act. The Federations deputation comprised himself, the Vice-President Mr. Slattery, Advisory Council Member Mr. Long and the Executive Officer Mr. Rawlinson.

The Minister apologised for the lack of consultation on the amending legislation to the Cooperation Act introduced into Parliament at the beginning of July. He indicated further amending legislation will be introduced in the Spring session of Parliament with the main object of lifting the aggregate allowed Government to guarantee loans to Cooperatives. The whole Act is to be reviewed and proposals from the Federation will be welcomed. He extended an invitation to the Federation to nominate a representative to sit on the Cooperative and Small Business sub Committee of the Victorian Employment Committee.

The deputation considered the meeting to have been satisfactory.

12. REPORTS (cont.)

The next meeting is scheduled to be held in Sydney on November 12th 1979.

The Council in considering the report agreed to consider a paper on the proposed Farmer Cooperative Service at the August meeting.

It was agreed to circulate the C.F.A. paper on future plans to Council members for study and submission of recommendations at the August meeting.

13. MEETING WITH STATE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE

The meeting was advised of a vacancy on the Board of the Victorian Dairy Industry Authority. The Act constituting the Authority provides for the Minister to nominate to the Governor names from "panels each of not less than three names and not more than five names submitted to him at his invitation by the body or bodies which in his opinion represent the appropriate interests".

Council noted no representative of the Cooperative Dairy Industry is represented on the Board of the Authority and agreed a submission should be made to the Minister on this situation.

The submission should also include the request of the Cooperative Federation of Australia on the subject of services for Farmer Cooperatives for which specific appointments exist in the Agriculture Departments of New South Wales and South Australia.

A proposed deputation for this purpose was suggested as -

Leader	-	Mr. O. Slattery	-	Vice President
Members	-	Mr. I.A. Wood	Murray Goulburn	
		Mr. A.C. Skene	Camperdown	
with		Mr. W.W. Rawlinson	Glen Ormiston	
			Executive Officer.	

14. NEXT MEETING

It was agreed the next meeting will be held on Monday 20th August commencing 7.00 pm at Credit Union Centre, 69 Wellington Street, Windsor.

15. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.45 pm.

J. H. H. 20/8/79